

## COMMUNICATIONS.

FERNDALE, Cal., Dec. 8, 1903.

To the Editor of the State Journal:—On page 398 of the December number of the STATE JOURNAL, editorial department, I read under head of "A Title of Honor," that it is a debatable question as to whether or not there are too many doctors of medicine.

Will you kindly inform me through the columns of the JOURNAL what part of this question is debatable?

With at least seven institutions in our State actively engaged in grinding out M. Ds. how could there fail to be a most ridiculous oversupply of doctors?

Add to that the fact that there is one non-resident or foreign regular physician, to say nothing of Homeopaths and Eclectics, to every 700 inhabitants, duly registered and at liberty to enter practice in this State, should the chance offer, and to my mind it leaves still less chance for debate.

Will the present oversupply of medical colleges tend to increase sound medical education or will the mad struggle for existence lead these schools into disreputable actions, derogatory to the profession and will they not eventually become mere "doc." factories?

Again, kindly inform me how the dignified self-respecting physician is to be held responsible for the manners of his illbred neighbors. While it is almost a national custom to address the doctor as "Dawk," what is the self-respecting physician going to do about it? Very truly yours,

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H. S. D.—Please, you are mistaken. We did not say that it is a debatable question whether there are too many doctors or not; we said, "it may be a debatable question." It might be, but it isn't—in our opinion. The only way to stop the too great increase is to raise the standards very high; and if the standards are raised very high, there is at once a great howl. As witness the suits against the constitutionality of the law regulating the practice of medicine. As to how to avoid being called "dawk," that is another question. You might, perhaps, have a lot of slips printed of the editorial in question, and when the epithet is applied, hand out one of these cards.—Ed.

**Pure Water for Ithaca**—The turbine pumps which deliver water to the new Fulton plant of the Ithaca Water Company were set in motion and the citizens of Ithaca and the students of Cornell are assured of an abundant supply of pure water. Although tests had been in progress in the plant several days, no announcement was made until yesterday that it was ready for operation. Six months ago Cornell loaned to the Ithaca Water Company \$150,000 for the building of the purification plant and work has been continuous since. The water, as soon as delivered to the receiving wells, is charged with a solution of sulphate of alumina, which forms a white, flaky precipitate. The water is then passed into coagulating basins, where 70 per cent of its impurities settle. It is then passed through six filters of a capacity of 3,000,000 gallons daily.—*Jour. A. M. A.*

## BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

The following list is that of the candidates at the last examination of the Board of Examiners. The (?) indicates that on the record furnished the Publication Committee no date of graduation was given. The (\*) refers to the fact, as stated, that this was the second examination taken.

*Examination December, 1903.*

## PASSED.

Albany Med. Coll., N. Y., '87, 81½%.  
American Med. Missionary Coll., Ill., (?), 77½%.  
Bellevue Hosp. Med. Coll., N. Y., '69, 75½%.  
Coll. Phys. and Surg., Cal., '02, 78%.  
Coll. Phys. and Surg., Ill., '01, 77½%; '03, 83%.  
Coll. Phys. and Surg., N. Y., (?), 77½%.  
Cooper Med. Coll., Cal., '98, 83½%; '03, 78½%; '03, 78½%; '03, 77½%; '03, 75½%.  
Detroit Med. Coll., Mich., '76, 75; '02, 78½%.  
Hahnemann Med. Coll., Cal., '03, 80½%; '03, 81½%; '03, 77½%; '03, 81½%; '03, 77½%.  
Hahnemann Med. Coll., Ill., '03, 82½%.  
Harvard Univ., Mass., '91, 84½%; (?), 82½%.  
Ill. State Board of Health, Ill., '98, 83½%.  
Jefferson Med. Coll., Pa., '01, 81%.  
Johns Hopkins Univ., Md., '02, 78½%.  
McGill Univ., Canada, '99, 80½%.  
Med. Coll. of Ohio, '80, 85%.  
Northwestern Univ., Ill., '02, 82½%; '03, 83½%; '03, 80%.  
Royal Coll. of Surg., Eng., '95, 85½%.  
State Univ., Iowa, '83, 75½%.  
Univ. of California, '00, 76½%; '02, 86½%; '03, 82½%; '03, 83½%; '03, 84½%.  
Univ. of Iowa, Homeo., '96, 77½%.  
Univ. of Michigan, '94, 82½%; '01, 83½%.  
Univ. of Minnesota, (?), 75½%.  
Univ. of Pennsylvania, '89, 80½%; '93, 91½%; '00, 84½%.  
Univ. Southern California, '03, 78½%.

## FAILED.

American Med. Missionary Coll., (?), 70%.  
Coll. Phys. and Surg., Cal., '02, 59½%.  
Coll. Phys. and Surg., Ill., '95, 68; '01, 68½%.  
Cooper Med. Coll., Cal., '03, 72½%; '03, 74½%.  
Detroit Coll., of Med., Mich., '96, 74½%.  
Faculty of Paris, France, '91, 69%.\*  
Hahnemann Med. Coll., Cal., '03, 73½%.  
L. I. Coll. Hosp., N. Y., (?), 64.  
Meharry Med. Coll., Tenn., '93, 56½%.  
Missouri Med. Coll., '89, 67½%.  
Omaha Med. Coll., Nebr., '99, 68½%.  
Rush Med. Coll., Ill., '90, 63%.  
State Univ. of Denmark, Copenhagen, '94, 66½%.  
University of S. Tennessee, '01, 73½%.\*  
Univ. of Vermont, '90, 69½%.

## CONDITIONED.

American Med. College, Missouri, '97, 75.  
Cleveland Hosp. Coll., Ohio, '86, 79½%.  
Coll. Phys. and Surg., Baltimore, Md., '01, 75½%.  
Hahnemann Med. Coll., Cal., '03, 75½%.  
Univ. of Michigan, '03, 77½%.

\*Second Examination.

**Longer Medical Course.**—The College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec is reported to have recently decided to lengthen the medical course to five years, and furthermore, voted that British licenses should no longer be recognized in that province. A more complete preliminary education as represented by the B. A. degree was also advocated for students of medicine. — *Boston Med. and Surg. Journal.*